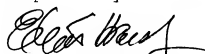


is commonly-owned with the present application by LITEF GmbH.

The present application has been finally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting in view of Claims 1, 2, 5, 8 through 11, 14 and 15 of pending application 10/531,669.

As the submission of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer does no more than comply with the reasons for rejection to render the claims of this application now allowable, the present amendment is proper. All pending claims of this application are now in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance and issuance of all pending claims are therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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